

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, July 8, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 96. }

I. Soldiers not deemed subjects for discharge under paragraph IV, General Orders, No. 69, current series, because of their being fit for service in the staff departments of the army, will be recommended by the Board of Examiners to the General commanding the department or army, for detail in the Medical Department, as nurses, guards, &c., to relieve, as far as practicable, able bodied soldiers fit for duty in the field; or if specially fit for duty in another staff department, they will be recommended for detail in such department.

II. Soldiers detailed under these provisions will, when fit for field duty, be relieved and sent to their commands.

III. Paragraph X, General Orders, No. 69, current series, having in some instances been evaded, is so far amended as to prohibit medical officers from extending leaves of absence to officers or furloughs to men. They can only certify to the disability, and recommend such extensions.

IV. Commutation for rations to men upon furlough, will not be paid until they rejoin their commands.

V. Rations will be issued to discharged men delayed at way hospitals.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.